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(Case No. 01-668)

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In re Application of: Welcher et al.)

Serial No.: 09/729,264)

Before the Examiner: B. Whiteman

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Group Art Unit: 1633

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European Patent Publication No. 0 088 046 discloses a process for preparing unilamellar liposomes for use as drug carriers. The abstract of EP 0 088 046 states:

The present invention relates to a novel advantageous process for the preparation of unilamellar liposomes in aqueous phase by converting a suitable lipid component, e.g. phosphatidic acid, into the ionic form by subjecting the lipid dispersion to a change in pH value and subsequently neutralizing it. Formation of the unilamellar liposomes is spontaneous, i.e. it takes place without additional external supply of energy. The liposomes obtainable by the process of this invention can be used therapeutically as carriers for drugs of the most widely different kind.

European Patent Publication No. 0 133 988 discloses implants containing regulatory peptides or their analogues and processes for their preparation. The abstract of EP 0 133 988 states:

Implants containing regulatory peptides or their analogues as active ingredients and natural poly-D-(-)-3-hydroxybutyric acid as biodegradable

vehicle, and process for their preparation, are described. The active ingredient undergoes protracted release from the implants.

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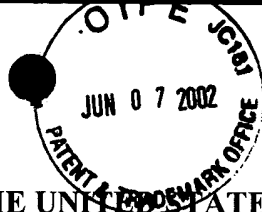
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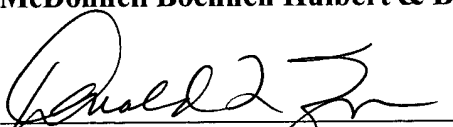
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A check including the fee for an information disclosure statement under § 1.97(c) is attached. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any excess in this fee to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

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